

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A food product comprising a preparation of a coffee cherry that is quick-dried such that a mycotoxin level of the coffee cherry is less than 20 ppb for total aflatoxins, less than 10
5 ppb for total ochratoxins, and less than 5 ppm for total fumonisins.
2. The food product of claim 1 wherein the preparation of the coffee cherry comprises a ground fragment of the coffee cherry.
3. The food product of claim 2 wherein the preparation of the coffee cherry comprises an extract from a ground fragment of the coffee cherry.
- 10 4. The food product of claim 1 wherein the preparation of the coffee cherry comprises at least one of a bean of the coffee cherry, a pulp of the coffee cherry, a mucilage of the coffee cherry, and a hull of the coffee cherry.
5. The food product of claim 1 wherein the preparation of the coffee cherry comprises an extract from at least one of a bean of the coffee cherry, a pulp of the coffee cherry, a
15 mucilage of the coffee cherry, and a hull of the coffee cherry.
6. The food product of claim 1 wherein the coffee cherry is a sub-ripe coffee cherry and has a primarily green color with less than 25% red color.
7. The food product of claim 1 wherein the coffee cherry is a sub-ripe coffee cherry and has a primarily red color with less than 25% green color.
- 20 8. The food product of claim 1 wherein the coffee cherry is a sub-ripe coffee cherry and has a primarily red color with less than 5% blemished area.
9. The food product of claim 1 wherein the coffee cherry is quick-dried in a dryer using heated air.
10. The food product of claim 1 wherein the coffee cherry is quick-dried in a dryer using
25 solar radiation.

11. The food product of claim 1 wherein the coffee cherry is quick dried by exposing the coffee cherry to at least one of ambient air and sun light.
12. The food product of claim 1 wherein the food product is a tea brewed from the coffee cherry.
- 5 13. The food product of claim 1 wherein the food product is a beverage comprising an extract of the coffee cherry.
14. The food product of claim 1 wherein the food product is nutritional supplement in liquid or solid form and comprising an extract of the coffee cherry.
15. A tea brewed from a comminuted quick-dried coffee cherry or portion thereof.
- 10 16. The tea of claim 15 wherein the coffee cherry has a mycotoxin level of less than 20 ppb for total aflatoxins, less than 10 ppb for total ochratoxins, and less than 5 ppm for total fumonisins.
17. The tea of claim 16 having a polyphenol concentration of at least 10 mg/oz.
18. The tea of claim 15 wherein the coffee cherry is a sub-ripe coffee cherry.
- 15 19. A quick-dried coffee cherry or portion thereof having a mycotoxin level of less than 20 ppb for total aflatoxins, less than 10 ppb for total ochratoxins, and less than 5 ppm for total fumonisins.
20. The quick-dried coffee cherry of claim 19 wherein the coffee cherry is a sub-ripe coffee cherry.

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